

# Winter 2014-2015 Hikes & Happenings

## DCR Boston Region Sites

- Stony Brook Reservation
- Brook Farm Historic Site
- Chestnut Hill Reservation
- Hammond Pond Reservation
- Hancock Woods Reservation
- Hemlock Gorge Reservation
- Neponset River Reservation
- Charles River Reservation
- Mystic River Reservation
- Beaver Brook Reservation



- Quincy Shores Reservation
- Dorchester Shores Reservation
- Alewife Brook Reservation
- Melnea Cass Recreation Complex
- Roxbury Heritage Park
- Southwest Corridor Park
- South Boston Beaches
- Dorothy Quincy Homestead
- Castle Island
- Camp Meigs

**Saturday, December 6**

**2 pm – 4 pm**

(Rain date: Sunday, December 7, 2 pm)

### Exploring the New Quincy Riverwalk

*Meet at DCR Squantum Point Park in North Quincy. We will start at the white shelter in the parking lot of Squantum Point Park and traverse the whole route to the Adams Inn. To reach the Park, heading towards Boston from Quincy Shore Drive, turn right on to East Squantum Street. Turn left on to Victory Road in Marina Bay. Pass through the first rotary and take the next left on to Haul Road.*

Join Steve Pearlman, Neponset River Watershed Association Advocacy Director, Peter Jackson, Landscape Architect and Maggi Brown, DCR Ranger as we enjoy the premier winter walk along the Quincy Riverwalk. We will celebrate the hard work over ten years of the Neponset River Watershed Association, the Quincy Environmental Network, Mass DEP's Waterways Program, the City of Quincy, the DCR and local environmental activists to create this scenic 2 mile path along the Neponset River from its mouth in Squantum Point Park to the Adams Inn. The tour will start at the white shelter in the parking lot of Squantum Point Park and traverse the whole route to the Adams Inn and back. Round trip tour will be 4 miles. For more information and rain date rescheduling, please call 617-472-0799.

**Thursday, January 1, 2015**

**Free hot & hearty soup at 12 noon**

**All hikes begin at 1:00 pm**

### Annual First Day Hikes at Blue Hills Reservation

*Meet at the Houghton's Pond main parking lot at 840 Hillside Street in Milton.*

*Take Exit 3 off route 93 and follow First Day signs. Please arrive early to allow for parking. Space is limited.*

Head for the hills for the "Grand Daddy of First Day Hikes!" Join DCR Park Rangers and staff from the Blue Hills Trailside Museum for FREE First Day Hikes through the Blue Hills Reservation. Warm up with a free cup of hot and hearty soup and join a one or two hour trek. Choose the scenic hike to suit your interest and ability. A stroll around Houghton's Pond will be offered for families. Dress warmly and wear sturdy hiking boots for all hikes. Share the goodwill of the season! Bring a canned good to donate to Father Bill's Homeless Shelter and ensure a happy and healthy new year for all! For more information, call 617-698-1802. Program will be cancelled for rain only.

**Saturday, January 10**

**9 am – 2 pm**

### Winter Trails Day at Weston Ski Track

*Meet at the Weston Ski Track at Leo J. Martin Golf Course at 200 Park Road in Weston.*

*Call 781-891-6575 for more info. [www.skiboston.com/skitrack/skitrack.php](http://www.skiboston.com/skitrack/skitrack.php)*

New to snow sports? Try snowshoeing and cross country skiing at Weston Ski Track and discover the great fitness and social benefits with these easy-to-learn winter sports. Free demos, additional rentals for a fee. Visit [www.skiboston.com](http://www.skiboston.com) or call 781-891-6575 for more information.

**Saturday, January 24**

**10 am – 12 pm**

## **Annual Waltham Charles River Duck Walk**

*Meet at the back corner of Shaw's Supermarket parking lot on 130 River Street in Waltham by the footbridge.* DCR will join the Waltham Land Trust for their Annual Duck Walk along the Charles River. Tag along on this very popular walk along the Upper Charles to see dabbling and diving birds, visiting from Canada. In the past we have seen mergansers (hooded and common), ring necks, golden eyes, grebes, and others, even a bald eagle! Bring your binoculars, cameras, and bird books. Dress warmly--we only cancel if there is heavy snow falling.

**Saturday, February 7**

**1 pm – 2 pm**

## **Winter Birds of Squantum Point Park**

*Meet at the white shelter by the pier at Squantum Point parking lot in Quincy. From Quincy Shore Drive, turn onto East Squantum Street. Turn left onto Victory Road in Marina Bay. Proceed straight through the first rotary and take the next left on the Haul Road to Squantum Point.* <http://www.mass.gov/dcr/parks/metroboston/squant.htm> Rafts of eider and brant are a common sight during the winter months. Join us at Squantum Point Park as we take a closer look at the ducks and seabirds that weather New England winters. Bring binoculars if you have them. We will have some loaner pairs available. 1 hour

**Visit [www.mass.gov/dcr](http://www.mass.gov/dcr) for February school vacation programs and additional offerings!**

### **Things to know before you go**

- **ALL PROGRAMS ARE FREE!**
- Carry drinking water, wear sturdy footwear and dress in layers for maximum comfort.
- If weather conditions are questionable, please call the reservation headquarters on the day of the program at 617-333-7404, extension 104 for updates.
- Reasonable accommodations available. For accessibility concerns, please email [Maggi.Brown@state.ma.us](mailto:Maggi.Brown@state.ma.us)

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